

What is claimed is:

1. A computer readable medium useful in association with a computer which includes a processor and a memory, the computer readable medium including computer instructions which are configured to cause the computer to assure adherence to a policy by a package to be delivered from a sender to one or more recipients through a computer network by:
  - receiving package data which is generated by the sender and which specifies the package;
  - applying a policy to the package wherein the policy is specified by policy data received from a policy authority of the sender;
  - determining whether the policy permits delivery of the package;
  - upon a condition in which the policy permits delivery of the package, delivering the package by:
    - sending notification to the recipients wherein the notification includes package identification data;
    - receiving the package identification data from a selected one of the recipients; and
    - sending the package to the selected recipient in response to the package identification data.
2. The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein applying a policy comprises:
  - determining that the package satisfies one or more conditions; and
  - if the package satisfies the one or more conditions, performing one or more actions which are associated with the one or more conditions.
3. The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the one or more actions block delivery of the package.
4. The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the one or more actions block delivery of the package pending review of the package by the policy authority.
5. The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein the one or more actions document the delivery of the package.
6. The computer readable claim of Claim 5 wherein the one or more actions document the delivery of the package by storing a copy of the package.

7. The computer readable medium of Claim 5 wherein the one or more actions document the delivery of the package by sending a copy of the package to a predetermined recipient.
8. The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein at least a selected one of the one or more actions notifies at least one predetermined recipient of one or more others of the one or more actions.
9. The computer readable medium of Claim 8 wherein the predetermined recipient is the sender.
10. The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein the one or more actions modify the package.
11. The computer readable medium of Claim 10 wherein the one or more actions modify the package by removing one or more data files attached to the package.
12. The computer readable medium of Claim 1 (original) wherein the one or more actions modify the package by modifying a message within the package.
13. The computer readable medium of Claim 10 wherein the one or more actions modify the package by modifying data which specifies the manner in which the package is to be delivered.
14. The computer readable medium of Claim 10 wherein the one or more actions modify the package by modifying data which specifies recipient actions which can be performed on the package after receipt by the recipient.
15. The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein the one or more conditions include a boolean expression involving data related to the sender.
16. The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein the one or more conditions include a boolean expression involving data related to one or more of the recipients.
17. The computer readable medium of Claim 2 wherein the one or more conditions include a boolean expression involving data related to one or more attributes of the package.
18. The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the package data is generated by the sender through a web browser.

19. The computer readable medium of Claim 18 wherein the package data is HTML form data.
20. The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the policy data is received from the policy authority through a computer network.
21. The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the computer network is the Internet.
22. The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the notification is sent to the recipients as an SMTP e-mail message.
23. The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein the package identification data is a URL.
24. The computer readable medium of Claim 1 wherein sending the package to the selected recipient in response to the package identification data comprises:  
    sending the package in accordance with HTTP.